



State of Arizona  
**Department of Education**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services

Holly Mueller, Program Director  
Arizona Department of Education, School Health & Nutrition Programs

**Date:** September 9, 2005

**RE:** Request for Comment: Proposed rule for House Bill 2544  
Guidelines for The Arizona Nutrition Standards (AZNS) by the  
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition Services

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The attached rule, published by the Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services, invites comments on proposed Arizona Nutrition Standards in accordance with HB2544.

Comments are invited on the following questions:

1. Are there specific nutrient standards for items listed in the AZNS that are not included that should be included? If yes, include the standard and justification as to why they should be included.
2. Are there specific nutrient standards for items listed in the AZNS that are too strict? If yes, include justification as to why the standard should be altered.
3. Are there beverage or food items that are not listed in the AZNS as restricted but should be restricted? If yes, include justification and nutrition fact information of the product.
4. Are there beverage or food items that are listed in the AZNS that should not be included? If yes, list the product(s) and justification to eliminate product(s) from the list.

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5. Are the portion sizes listed for each group appropriate and realistic? If no, list the suggested change to the portion size and justification for the change.

All comments need to be submitted in writing to the Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services, ATTN: HB2544 Comments, 1535 W. Jefferson, Bin#7, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Comments may also be emailed to [HB2544comment@ade.az.gov](mailto:HB2544comment@ade.az.gov). Please include name, affiliated organization (if applicable) and contact information with response.

Comments will be accepted until October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 by 5:00pm. All responses to this notice will be summarized and considered by a committee of stakeholders from October 26<sup>th</sup> until December 2005. Final release of this rule will be late January 2006.

Additional copies of the proposed standards can be downloaded from the ADE website [www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nsfp](http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nsfp). ADE looks forward to all LEAs responding with comments to the proposed rule during the comment period.